THE DOCKET™ TOPS®

Exec Committee

Discuss — Gen

Last meeting — 3 min

- 501(c) 3 status — 5 min
  - George Bellinger
  - ~~Strategic~~
- Membership meeting — 5 min

- Position Transition — 5 min

- Contract with Carter — 5 min

- Membership — 5 min

Membership
By Laws should reflect - elections

Membership Meeting

- Elections —
- 501(c) 3 status —
- Committee Reports —

Treasurer

- Can do reports, send them to folks
- Moving account from Nationsbank to ~~SunTrust~~ Trust Bank — will be
- Writing checks

Steering Committee

(as per available)

- Kirk " "

Treasurers Report

- Phone expense (?)
-

PR

Marc Cunningham ?

- Sun April 19th Lambda Cent
  - 11PM

Ambassadors

Craig + Daryl - resolved

Menus

$75 allotment will be requested at next S.C. (Daryl needs to be there)

Finance

Calvin met w/ Ben Herlitz (501c(3) info)

Activities

- Ask Terry abt flyers (?)
- Raymond Carter - will have newsletter →1
-

Membership

- Purge
- Cards

will have regular business meetings!

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~~April~~

Topic (?)

40+ group -

- Ask about flyers (?) 5-7
- Average attendance (?)
- Renew membership

~~Pell~~ - positive

Comments

(1) - Positive / move for the orgs.

(2) - Can still focus on blk gay men

(3) - Targeting other peoples of color (?)
∴ Challenges with not inviting white partner

(4) - Cd still be open but
specific targeting through projects

(5) - 501 c 3 status is a separate issue
from 2nd Sunday's identity as
race-specific.

(6) - Self-determinist efforts

(7) - Torn btw 2 issues -
• Concerned about racial identity
•

(8) - Organization cd be technically open
but maintain separate programs/orgs
that would retain exclusivity.

[illegible]

[illegible]

(a) [illegible]

(b) [illegible]

(c) [illegible]

(d) [illegible]

(e) [illegible]

(f) [illegible]

(g) [illegible]

(h) [illegible]

(i) [illegible]

(j) [illegible]

(k) [illegible]

(l) [illegible]

(m) [illegible]

(n) [illegible]

(o) [illegible]

(p) [illegible]

(q) [illegible]

(r) [illegible]

(s) [illegible]

(t) [illegible]

(u) [illegible]

(v) [illegible]

(w) [illegible]

(x) [illegible]

(y) [illegible]

(z) [illegible]

Membership

Elections - 1st (priority) - order
- 501 (c) 3 status -

Sun June 7th - 6:30 pm

Strategic

Alan
Rob Mathis
Wester
Calvin
Terrell Smith

Will Brown - Tues

TOPS Business Forms
Made in U.S.A.
63350 (Jr. Legal Rule - Canary)
63360 (Jr. Legal Rule - White)
50 Sheets/Pad
5" x 8"

UNITED AIRLINES

Clara + Amais

~~Bo~~ 3727 Oakview
Terrace
off Perry St
(Brookland)
parallel - btw 11th + 12th sts
(by Catholic University)

The Magnificent Sevens

974 2275 PA600

Youth Project
40+ group

Educational Activities
* Freedom Retreat *
Safer Sex Seminar
Book Reading
* ~~Where~~ The Boy

Social Activities
* Where The Boyz Are
Picnics
Brunches
Bowling Night
* Club Fusion - 2nd Friday

Topics
- Community ; Transgendered Com
- Spirituality
- Voter Registration
- Domestic Violence
- Dating - Skills
- Created Families
- Political Involvement
- Safer Sex - Communication
- Financial Planning
- Relationships with Father
- Being Out
- Interracial Dating

Community Activities
AIDS Walk
Gay Pride?
Hepatitis A Vaccine

- Exclusion / Identity / Boundaries

- Colours - program - developed newspaper
  HIV support group / Transgendered support group

  SHADES - support group
  literary group -

- Exclusion
- In the room - comfort
- Oppression - enables
- Youth - Kevin Bynes
- Class

Image - leadership / "straight-acting"
Legislation
Coalitions

* <u>morning pages</u> - do some morning pages
carry a writing book
- free association
I feel like im getting something real when i am able to spend time with people & like being around trouble is i dont get enough of it or it ~~its~~ is usually happenstance more than its planned so im really realizing how important it is. i live alone and im single and im often focused on my goals and my job so that sometimes leaves little time to just connect with a friend or friend i have a small group of friends with whom i share most of that time in different clusters there are a few sets of friends that I value ~~to~~ because when we converse, bruh bruh, i get things like ideas, advice, challenge, stimulation, affirmation that i can use when i am alone again or during those sometimes long stretches between visits or sessions as one friend would say. i feel like we experience ~~our~~ friends as a series of snapshots and sometimes i dont know when will get the next snapshot i need to be

<u>Next week</u>: ~~write a spell~~
finish the free association

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Title	Author	Price
INTO THE LIGHT	VEGA	30.00
WALK ON THE WILD SIDE	DENNIS RODMAN	22.95
ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS	KEITH BOYKIN	23.95
SPELLS OF A VOODOO DOLL	ASSOTO SAINT	12.95
SOUL KISS	SHEA YOUNGBLOOD	21.00
PUSH	SAPPHIRE	11.00
VIEW FROM HERE	BRIAN KEITH JACKSON	22.00
LOW HANGING FRUIT	G.B. MANN	18.95
DOES YOU'RE MAMA KNOW	LISA MOORE	19.95
HONEY, HONEY MISS THING	LEON PETTIWAY	19.95
OUR DEAD BEHIND US	AUDRE LORDE	9.95
BROTHER TO BROTHER (ANTHOLOGY)	ESSEX HEMPHILL JOSEPH BEAM	9.95
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JAMES BALDWIN (LIVES OF NOTABLE GAYS AND LESBIANS) SERIES	RANDALL KEENAN	9.95
SHADE (ANTHOLOGY)	BRUCE MORROW CHARLES ROWELL	12.00
GO THE WAY YOUR BLOOD BEATS (ANTHOLOGY)	SHAWN STEWART RUFF	12.00

Counts

$1438

65 volunteers

~~240~~ attendees

329

Dorit

4/12/22

28 Jan 2022

Mrs

continue to....

- Explore new way to lead.
- Reconise and hold up and support the folks that dont get a voice
- think outside of the triangle box
- Center different people..

- maintain space as intimate

- ~~what is the goal of the breakfast, in comparison to an event~~

- what is the purpuse - should there be a specific purpose?

- A blogjob is still a job, and I'm gonna werq my ass off!

11/21 meeting cont'd →
- Schedule Go fund Me ~~planning~~ brainstorming
12/2 6pm

←——————————→

Ashe individual + organizational volunteers
- suggest an engagement piece
- such as a service -

Anneliese - at first smaller local group
queer / trans of color
+ Juxtaposed / SONG but eventually
HRC joined us
Ashe / - Do you have contact info for HRC
" HRC should not start volunteer event in our name "
- Reach out to college students of color -
- Come up with max # of volunteers (Anneliese)
- We fill up the slots with people / identity vols
- Address orgs (HRC, Pride) who oversaturated our event
- Anneliese suggested 30 -
- Maybe HRC should sit + listen + donate $

Kirk - Dec 2nd First Friday - city tree lighting
Morehouse Christmas events
- We could get some postcards / flyers for

outreach to folks of color — get something in their hands

→

~~Brasstag~~

Anneliese —

Opening with quote

Call for artists →

Check w/ Ramon — social media

— Anneliese check with [redacted] @ Agnes Scott College

Kijua — a dean at Agnes Scott worked with queer/trans students

- MLK March — Thursday 6–7pm

need marshall selection

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send out an ask for March coordinator

- Establish March coordinator —
  - Promote the March — more heartily
  - Integrate Rustin/Lorde Breakfast + March

Ashe — send out march coordinator →

We Are Not Silent Congress

2008 - First United
- Community roundtable

Weekend activities
Speakfire
intergenerational
dialogue

2009 - Protest Warren
Michael Brewer speaks

2010 - Intergenerational panel
~~2011~~ - Cara
- Mary Anne, Duncan, Carolyn
Jay, Grace, Khalid Kamau, Paris
- Rep. Sarine Bell
- Envoy recruiting for study
~~2011~~ - - Michael - ADAP / Anti ~~Battlegoing~~ Bullying
Charles - NHAS

2011 - Resilience

2012 - Setting Agenda - Austin Centennial

2013 - Re Imagining The Dream
2014 - Justice, Freedom + Desire
2015 - Justice Freedom + Desire

website

is an outgrowth of ~~our acceptance~~ accepting the lordship & leadership of JC in our life

because membership in a church

someone ~~unwilling~~ to repent of their homosexual lifestyle

would not be accepted ~~cannot be a member~~ as a member of saddleback church

policy still stands

in opposed to

brother sister

older man marrying a child

one guy having multiple wives

some people if you disagree with them, you hate them

*people who challenge Warens stance

guilty of hate speech themselves

"Christophobes"

arrogance - if you dont like Rick Warren you dont like Christ

pro choice compared to holocaust deniers

women / have abortions like Nazis wombs - Auschwitz

wives shd be subject to their husbands

2 reasons for divorce - abandonment + infidelity

~~Ha~~ ~~He~~ .

With brothers like that working for us
How can we lose.

As I contemplated my remarks for this evening
it seemed last 20 years of this epidemic has left
us with more questions than before
And while we have made amazing progress
we have new ~~even more daunting challenges~~
~~challenges than~~ challenges that are more
formidable than ever before.
~~In 19~~ In the 80's, ~~we and this country~~
~~considered as~~ we were very much on the
~~of fang~~ fringe, the outside of American society
The disease was initially named after us
G R I Disorder ~~&~~ even though it already hit
people who weren't gay. ~~We didn't know~~
We didn't much about this new scourge other
than it was wiping out our loved ones.
We didnt have much but what we did have
was awesome. We had courage, concern
compassion. ~~We had anger~~ And we were
angry. We had fire in our belly and what wanted
a a cure and we wanted it now.

Twenty years later - we've ~~been~~ made ~~a great~~ so much but we've lost a few things
along the way. We have become as mainstream
as prime time TV - ~~well at~~ Well at least those
of us who are white male and under 35. We have
helped redefine ~~pub~~ education, ~~civil rights and~~ empowerment

& civil rights

~~Many of truly~~

~~we~~ public health. We are living with AIDS, looking fabulous, climbin rocks: ~~with~~, ~~except~~ We haved moved from Operation Survive to Thrive! ~~Thats un~~

~~Let us~~ But there is something that we have lost or at least misplaced. It is the anger. The fire raging in our belly that motivates us that moves ~~it out~~ off our collective ass out onto the street or the conference room or the stage or our writing desk. ~~We have allowed our wins~~ ~~to~~ ~~I think~~

~~We~~ We have to wipe the stardust out of our eyes and erase the illusion that everything has gotten better.

"I think is more than appropriate that this vigil take place in the eve of Pride Many are content to bask in the spoils from our struggle towards gay liberation particularly our AIDS activism. That is understandable for those who have witnessed the carnage of the early years & those whose youth spared them that front row seat. It is natural they wish to celebrate. But take note that what started as a march to commemorate an act of deter

Candlelight Vigil

- ~~Fire in the belly~~
My complacency.
I am comfortable.
Dont need to know. I have lost the fire in my belly
I feel like an advocating for myself.

As I contemplated my remarks for this evening I ~~destroyed~~ wondered that ~~I had more~~ the last 20 years of this epidemic ~~has~~ left us with more questions than ~~answers. We are there is no doubt~~ ever before. ~~While~~ Many of us are ~~only~~ content to enjoy ~~to shell the~~ to ~~in~~ ~~with enjoying~~ the fruits of our ~~work~~ labor for ~~gay~~ towards liberation and ~~the~~ ~~partaking of~~ our AIDS activism, That is certainly understandable for those of ~~those~~ us who witnessed the carnage of ~~the~~ ~~the years~~ the early years and those whose youth spared them the front row seat. It is natural that many ~~for~~ wish to celebrate ~~This is where we have come mostly~~ Note that all over the country ~~from~~ ~~revolution to activism to assimilation~~, ~~from rent from Mark to~~ marches have become a Parade. Those of you who knew me, y'all know that I love a Party as much as anybody. ~~When we done here~~ We deserve to

acknowledge our victories and nobody can throw a
a party like some gay folks - ask any straight person.
But as Gary Hart so elegantly put
it a vigil is defined as period of purposeful
wakefulness during the time usually devoted to
sleep.
However we are here on the eve of Atlanta
~~Pride to proclaim that~~ there is no such thing
as a Post-AIDS ~~ca~~ crisis. We often use
~~Check out. More and more [illegible] we~~
~~are~~ ~~read as [illegible] people talking about~~
Questions like "Is there really a gay community"
~~Post AIDS~~ We often use
~~of~~ chants ~~of empowerment~~ like It's not over
and quote current statistics to remind ~~the~~ the government
that the war is still on. But before we have to
convince anyone else we have to convince ourselves.
And we can't begin to ~~[illegible]~~ until we come to grips
with some serious fundamental question. Like "Do
we really believe that AIDS is no longer a crisis?",
"~~Is there a gay community~~
"Do we have a gay community", if not that who are we?
"Will we ever ~~[illegible]~~ address the racism and ~~other forms~~ prejudice
that separates and weakens us.

has become a parade. Anyone knows me knows I love a party. We deserve to acknowledge a vigil-defined period of purposeful wakefulness during active usly devoted to sleep

~~Some of us m~~

Some of ~~us~~ us may need to reflect more on that before we act.

Others already are clear in our minds and our hearts that ~~comp the tim~~ its time to replace complacency with ~~pass~~ compassion and courage. To

That is not acceptable to make speeches about our battle and dis some of our most courageous warriors ACT UP as ~~Scott Evert~~ did did ~~in Atlanta~~ our AIDS Czar.

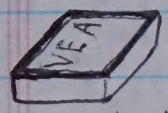
As Juanita in Baldwin's 'Blues for Mister Charlie' said "Well maybe its neck break in time.

Letter to the Editor,

The 1997 Black Gay Pride celebration was a fun-filled success thanks to the efforts of In the Life Atlanta, Second Sunday, Charis Bookstore, Black Men of Today (BMT), Boy Tyme Productions, Circles Lounge and hundreds of volunteers and supporters. Special thanks to BMT and Boy Tyme for donating funds to the Deeper Love program at AID Atlanta who in turn provided thousands of condoms throughout the weekend. Kudos to Pete Ruiz and George Bellinger for helping distribute these materials to all the party boys.

~~The 1997~~

This weekend proved that the activists, artists, service providers and party organizers can work together for the community's sake and have a good time. On Thursday night, ITLA held a Candlelight Vigil at the King Center where ~~pastor~~ Pastor Mahee and Rev. Antonio Jones offered words of hope and healing. Long-time activists Pat Hussein, Joan Garner, Duncan Teague and others were honored at an ITLA reception Friday night. That Saturday I witnessed hundreds of Labor Day visitors flocking to Rio Mall and later at the Georgian Terrace to check out singer extraordinaire Ms. Mary Griffin. Come Sunday, I.T.L.A hosted an Interfaith Service that recharged several souls. Writers E. Lynn Harris and James Earl Hardy were featured at the "Second Read" sponsored by Second Sunday.



2 - April 30th "Tara"

565.00

3191-

Pastor Paul Holland
815-0036

Bayard Rd

* Alexis *
Fri Jan 23
Block grant
funding - hearing
at Capitol Bldg

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Kevin Randolph (A.E.S.M.) 753-2900
re: 2nd Sunday time & meeting topic

1st Presbyterian Church

Friends (Quakers) 404-586-0460 "very supportive"

15th & Peachtree AFC. ~~Bill Holland~~ - 2nd Cathy Marth - Admin Asst.

3rd → Bill Holland — 1st Alise Cohen - 404-586-0460 -

CALLS

George Bellinger 718-260-9541 → 404-525-4728 (fax

Heather Johnson 404-876-5895

→ Jafari - 1-201-451-3412

→ Michelle Burke -

Phone Intvw - $25 honorarium

1-800-373-1445 ask for Chris

Eric Malone 404-359-3757

Michael Nelson {770-270 0540}

Wayne Young

Carlos - 404-766-8024

Linda Scope has 15 year-old son who just came out

→ (404) 244-7913 (h)

(404) 607-5112 (w)

Marty Avant
288-6325

Our Bodies, Ourselves
Betty Dodson - Liberating Masturbation

Pre-Epidemic Organizing
- groups run by peers re risk of public sex
sex w/ bi/hetero married men
monogamy

gay liberationists (1969-1975)
gay rights advocates (1976-83)
queer (ACT-UP + Queer Nation)
bereft of Left ideological roots

Early education
- initiated by those who didn't consider themselves "educators"
- utilized pre-existing grassroots venues
- informal efforts championed by lgbt individuals
- STD Clinics + Women's Self Help

STD Clinics → forged identity
norms - re
individual worth
distrust of healthcare system
partner notification

Women's Self Help → demand med research + health science work toward female empowerment

Context

Gay population ~~[illegible]~~ alienated from medical

conferences on mental health, suicide addition to STDs & DV expand

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence SF drag sorority distributed brochures early funding from Decorator gay club

Dignity Boston - early forums to broadly communicate

Gay Press - major press conduit for info re gay cancer, GRID,

Clinics to ASOs - Fenway Community Health Center → spawned - Massachusetts AIDS Action

becoming - DC's Whitman-Walker Clinic
Chicago Harold Brown Memorial Clinic

Gay Mens Health Crisis
SF Kaposi Sarcoma Foundation - SFAF

Twenty Thirty years ago
~~In a not too distant past~~ I was a
young black gay man navigating ~~terrain~~
terrains of sex, ~~intimacy~~ love, and pleasure
across ~~a~~ New York City landscape. ~~a~~ ~~go~~ crazy
~~the landscape that was New York City~~.
seeking sex, love, and pleasure across
the

sex, love, and a place to belong

Thirty years ago, I was a young black gay man
seeking sex ~~love and pleasure~~ ~~across~~ sensorial love, and a place to.
amidst ~~the~~ an ancient metropolis. ~~[illegible]~~
~~been been with pleasures and pitfalls~~
built for pleasures and pitfalls.

Thirty years ago, i too was a young man
seeking sex and a ~~place to belong~~ a sense of
belonging amidst ~~an ancient metropolis~~ greatest shiny ruins
~~been~~ with seething with ~~pleasures and pitfalls~~ another
~~lately~~ lipplicking pleasures and pitfalls
~~My initial~~ ~~My survival was~~
~~Looking back~~ Looking back in wonder, i ~~see~~ know
~~that it was fairy~~ ~~tale~~ were it not for
my friends, and safe spaces like ~~a~~ the Friday
night GMAD meeting, the Pier, and Better Days
i could not have gotten over. ~~Young~~ Young
black gay men of any generation need ~~the~~ networks
~~a~~ ~~people, confed~~ of ~~[illegible]~~ peers and
elders whom they can relate to and learn from

Black gay men in their 40s, 50s & 60s, grew up
need to find roles,
feel valued to value in as convention
Queer and straight push them fully out
to the margin
every bitterly.
I work with young men
not only because I care about them,
or i have something useful to offer.
This work is
"for my own protection" as it affords me
at 51, the chance to be needed and
appreciated as my desirability or workplace
productivity depreciates.
I help build institutions, and events,
to ensure continuity,
that they might have
a place that is theirs
and that there
were people before
them who
walked upright
so that
they could
fly.
and
structure. I want them, want us to
be assured a stable community
with sites, services, and activities
where we can work play, love
fuck, teach learn, and live
joyful, fruitful lives.

We Were Here - the film - David Weissman
- The San Francisco Male / - activist + progressive
infrastructure -

Paul - cute one
Daniel - center
Guy
Ed
Eileen

(Ed) "We were not some network of people that have sex"

- What were the strengths about the community response to the epidemic?
What was in place that enabled the community to respond the way it did?
- What kind of things had u heard about the epidemic? any surprises?
Andre Lorde / Eric Rofes
- Why was sexual freedom / liberation so important for gays + lesbians of that era
- Bathhouses
- Port shutdown

stigma (Dad in hospital)

Paul - feel good have fun → rebel

- Were there any narrators that you related to? Any stories that resonated for you paralleled your own?
* Women roles (Eileen) Ed = talked about lesbians
- ~~How did you see the AIDS epidemic~~

Dessister - p. 38 1996
We act as if the death

* Prevention effective
* - ~~Influence sex~~ How do your peers talk about it
* Sex

- ~~How does one generation / age group~~

-> Some say that for young people born into the epidemic, who didn't endure mass loss of friends - AIDS is not that relevant less incentive to use safe sex. What do you think? Should young people ~~adopt crisis~~ see AIDS as a crisis?

Me

- Coming Out as Coming of Age
- stepping into sexual revolution final years
- Clubs / Bathhouses / Relationships
- separation - monogamy / promiscuity
  Ricky (Mass Country) Craig (Agency)
  love = monogamy
- Eddie Murphy
- Reagan years
- Rock Hudson - Mystery
- me 1985

1985 - 1992

GMAD
Personal network
writing
other Countries

ACT UP

1987 - chain to Wall St
250 people greater access

~~1988~~

1989 - NYSE
price of AZT
"SELL WELLCOM" banner
Burroughs Wellcome
Shot down FDA
Silence = Death - NY Post Office
on April 15 tax day

1989 - St Patrick's
Cosmo - Say No to Cosmo
outside Hearst
Bldg

~~How~~

- What do you think about the HIV prevention efforts you've seen? What is it missing? What is it doing well? ~~How~~
- Differences in messages to GM + to hetero
- ~~How~~ / what are some ways in which HIV/AIDS shape how gay men negotiate sex

18-24% unemployment

Stats Unemploy 28% - Black

*Poverty 15% - <19,000 Household 4x likely
~~34% Black~~
19% <10,00

Homelessness in their lives 41% Black

Suicide 41% attempted suicide

HIV - 2.6% Gen Trans (4x gen
29% Black Trans
10% Latino 1- Indian 3% - Asian

Many providers do not know
HIV infection rates,
How many HIV+ dont know status
Tested → Linked to Care → Taking their ARV
HIV positive
HIV-negative
→ lower their viral load

If no numbers - less of a justification/argument for funding & greater services

We do know inclusion of trans people in planning/ HIV, housing, employment, job training,

We do know we need to work with each other with HIV CPG, Ryan White Council, and the GA DPH to get more ~~data~~ data to drive services resources + freedom

We know that as ~~Bla~~ trans people of color, women, lgbq, immigrants, different abled, young, older that it doesn't get better, we have to make it better

Today we show our solidarity with ~~each other~~,
transgender people, in remembering we
say You were important, You matter
We will not be silent about ~~what~~ happened
to you.
We will make it better

1:09

Black Coffee eval

Is it working?

- Reaching out - new faces - Positive
- ~~[illegible]~~ - ~~[illegible]~~
- More focus on conversations
- Outline ~~of~~ for conversations

Facilitators Training

→ Following Outline
- Keeping people on track without offending them
- It is getting people thinking, not just providing answers; raising issues.
- Topics

- Old Faces are good
- Groups - keep them small - Size affects group dynamics
- Good facilitation important - training enhances
- Facilitate, without participating
- Who Are we reaching? - Reaching people who need fellowship; want comraderie, feel that dates and clubs - is the only way to connect

- Facilitators training important -
- Facilitator needs more control of the conversation
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To Do
- Will facilitate